

OCL Update



To: Community Representatives

From: Janyce Hedetniemi, Director
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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

I want to thank all of you who have been so helpful and kind to me over the nearly eight years of my tenure as director of NIH's Office of Community Liaison. As you may know, I am retiring from NIH at the end of June and so, this will be my last Director's Notes.



Twenty-five years ago, when I started working at NIH, community relations were nonexistent. There were no sharing of resources, no dialogue, and no means by which NIH and its community could come together amicably to resolve problems. In 1994, that changed when Dr. Harold Varmus, then NIH Director, took the initiative to establish this office—a first for NIH and a first among Federal agencies!

It has been my privilege to serve as the Office's first director. I take great pride in the fact that with your cooperation and diligence, NIH and its community have established a real partnership. Indeed, the NIH Community Liaison Council is cited as a model for Federal/community outreach and involvement.

None of this would have come about, however, without the countless members of this community who gave their time and energy voluntarily to work with NIH. Over many a conference table, around living rooms, in hearings, and on the telephone and via e-mail, together we have identified and solved problems large and small. We have introduced new programs such as the "Share the Health" forums and NIH partnerships with Montgomery County. We have crafted an award-winning NIH Bethesda Campus Master Plan. Importantly, we have educated each other about our mutual interests and needs, and we have continuously challenged each other to be thoughtful and respectful in our deliberations, no matter how contentious the issue.

But, of all the values that have emerged, none is as welcome as that of continuity and so, I was extremely pleased to learn that the new NIH Director, Dr. Elias Zerhouni, has determined that the Office of Community Liaison will play an important part in his administration. I hope that you will extend to my successor the same measure of cooperation and respect that you have so graciously provided me and that you will remain attentive to and involved with the NIH community outreach effort.

Warm thanks to each of you and my best wishes for the continued success of this partnership.

The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, July 18, at 4 p.m.**, in the Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, Conference Room D. The CLC does not meet in August.

NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Dr. Zerhouni Becomes NIH's New Director

In May, Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., assumed leadership of NIH as its new director. Nominated by President Bush in March, Dr. Zerhouni was confirmed by Congress and assumed his new role on May 20, 2002. Well-respected in the field of radiology and medicine, Dr. Zerhouni comes to NIH from Johns Hopkins University, where he served as executive vice dean of the School of Medicine; chair of the Russell H. Morgan Department of Radiology and Radiological Science; and Martin Donner professor of radiology, as well as professor of biomedical engineering. Welcome to NIH, Dr. Zerhouni.



Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D.

OCL Director Retires; Community Presents Gift in Appreciation

Last month, community members said good-bye to the first director of the NIH Office of Community Liaison (OCL), Janyce N. Hedetniemi. After nearly eight years as OCL director, Hedetniemi retired on June 30, 2002. At the June Community Liaison Council (CLC) meeting, CLC co-chair Ginny Miller presented Hedetniemi with a gift of appreciation for the work that Hedetniemi has done in cooperation with the CLC.

CLC members credited Hedetniemi for her dedication to improving relations between NIH and its neighbors. "The success of the office belongs to Jan, who has worked tirelessly with the community," said Miller. "Her interpersonal relationship skills, experience, and dedication to constantly improving communication between NIH and the community have been outstanding." The CLC is NIH's key connection to its neighbors, allowing area residents to provide input into NIH activities.

Serving as NIH's main contact with the community, Hedetniemi is experienced in tackling problems both large and small. She has been an advocate for open communication between NIH and the

community. Appointed by NIH Director Dr. Harold Varmus in September 1994 when he established the OCL, Hedetniemi's first charge was to work with the community on its concerns about the incinerator, growth and construction on campus, and mitigation of lighting and noise from an NIH parking garage. Since then, she has presided over negotiations with the community that involved the development of the 1995 NIH Campus Master Plan; construction and location of NIH buildings; NIH employee traffic and parking on and around campus; environmental issues; tree preservation; and NIH security, to name just a few of the issues and problems with which she engaged.

Even small requests were handled with the same level of care. Under her administration, NIH built a lighted footpath to facilitate safe access through campus and to the farmer's market; planted trees to shield the parking lot from residents along Battery Lane; and advocated on behalf of a civic association when its storm sewer program needed attention from the County.

A 25-year NIH employee, Hedetniemi has served three NIH Institutes; the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. She also coordinated the Conference to Establish a National Action Plan on Breast Cancer for Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala. Before joining NIH, Hedetniemi was a member of the senior staff of the President's Biomedical Research Panel.

To ensure a smooth transition, Hedetniemi met with the newly appointed OCL director designate, Dr. Thomas Gallagher, to brief him on current issues and introduce him to the CLC. Dr. Gallagher begins his new role as director on July 1, 2002. Hedetniemi plans to spend her newfound time with her family and friends. She will be sorely missed, and we wish her the best of luck!



CLC co-chair Ginny Miller presents a farewell gift to Hedetniemi.

"Science in the Cinema" Movie Series Returns to NIH

NIH welcomes back its free film and lecture series, "Science in the Cinema." Beginning July 11, participants can enjoy a popular movie followed by an interactive discussion led by experts on the medical science theme presented in the film. A tentative schedule is listed below. Sponsored by NIH's Office of Science Education (OSE), the film series takes place in the Main Auditorium of the Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, 45 Center Drive, on the NIH campus in Bethesda. Movies begin at 7 p.m., and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. All films are shown with captions, and American Sign Language interpreters and real-time captioning are provided for the post-film discussions. For more information, call 301-402-2470 or visit the OSE Web site at <http://science.education.nih.gov>.

July 11	<i>Finding Forrester</i>
July 18	<i>Strangers in Good Company</i>
July 25	<i>Fearless</i>
August 1	<i>Miss Evers' Boys</i>
August 8	<i>The Miracle Worker</i>
August 15	<i>Patch Adams</i>

Beethoven Performance and Lecture Series Part of FAES Fall Schedule

Classical music lovers will enjoy this unique performance-lecture series offered by the Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) Graduate School at NIH. Part of FAES' fall course lineup, this program features live performances of 16 Beethoven string quartets preceded by informative lectures. Classes are from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays (with the exception of a few dates on Tuesdays) on the NIH campus. Registration is open to the public, and participants can receive two credits for the course. For more information, call 301-946-2311.

More than 175 courses like this one are available this fall. Biotechnology, chemistry and physics, languages, photography, and painting are some of the many types of classes offered by FAES. Courses are offered at both graduate and undergraduate levels and are open to the general

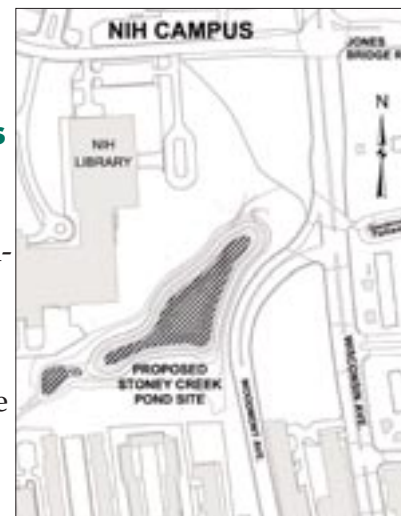
public. Classes begin on September 17 and take place weeknights on the NIH campus. Tuition is \$100 per credit hour. The deadline for mail-in registration is August 30. For more information or to obtain a course catalog, call 301-496-7976 or visit <http://www.faes.org>.

NIH, County To Build Storm Water Pond on Bethesda Campus

NIH may soon be graced with a one-acre wet pond to complement its rolling green hills and large growth trees. As part of an effort to help the environment, NIH will work with Montgomery County environmental officials to construct a pond on the Bethesda campus to help manage the County's excess storm water. The Storm Water Management Facility, as it is formally named, will sit just south-east of the National Library of Medicine (Building 38) on the NIH campus. Designed to be safe, aesthetically pleasing, and sensitive to the environment, the pond will benefit both NIH and the Bethesda business district. The pond will help capture excess storm water, which drains from nearby roads, buildings, and parking lots, and prevent that water from eroding stream embankments, damaging property, and disturbing the surrounding eco-system—an important goal outlined in NIH's master building plan.

Funding for this cross-governmental initiative is provided under the Transportation Equity Act, a cost-sharing grant between Montgomery County and the State of Maryland. Officials plan to begin construction in the fall of 2003.

Interested individuals can receive additional project information from the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection at a future meeting of NIH's Community Liaison Council. Call the NIH Office of Community Liaison at 301-496-3931 for more information.



NIH R&W's Randy Schools Receives County Award

If you haven't had the privilege of meeting Randy Schools, president of the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association (R&W) and executive director of the Greater Bethesda–Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce (BCC), then make some time to get to know him. He is a true humanitarian, helping all in their respective causes. He has raised thousands of dollars for NIH Charities, has donated his time and fund-raising skills to worthy causes, and always seems to put others before himself. In recognition of these qualities and more, Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan surprised Schools on June 4, 2002, with an award for his deep community involvement in making Montgomery County a better place to live. At the BCC's annual awards dinner, Schools was recognized for his community work above and beyond the call of duty, as well as for his commitment to improving the quality of life for the poor and underprivileged in Montgomery County. Congratulations, Randy!

Dr. Pettigrew Appointed as NIBIB Director

In May 2002, former NIH Acting Director Ruth Kirschstein, M.D., appointed Roderic I. Pettigrew, M.D., Ph.D., as the first director of the newly established National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB). Dr. Pettigrew, who is expected to begin his directorship in late August or early September, currently is professor of radiology in the division of nuclear medicine and director of the Frederik Philips Magnetic Resonance Research Center at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Dr. Kirschstein called Dr. Pettigrew a recognized expert in the development and application of bioimaging techniques to patient care who will provide "dynamic leadership" in his new role as NIBIB director. As director, he will be in charge of overseeing the Institute's budget for basic and



Dr. Roderic Pettigrew

applied research and training. NIBIB was established in December 2000 to improve health by supporting research in bioengineering and bioimaging science and transferring the results to medical applications.

Well-known for his work involving three-dimensional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the heart, Dr. Pettigrew is the recipient of numerous awards and multiple NIH grants. He serves on several scientific editorial boards and on the boards of many medical societies. He holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Morehouse College, an M.S. in nuclear medicine and engineering from Rennselear Polytechnic Institute, a Ph.D. in applied radiation physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and an M.D. from the University of Miami School of Medicine.

President Honors NIH Grantees with Science and Technology Awards

President Bush awarded the nation's highest honors in science and technology to 19 individuals, including seven who are or have been NIH grantees. On May 9, he announced the winners of the 2001 National Medals of Science and the National Medals of Technology.

Winners of the National Medals of Science in the Biological Sciences category and the Institute(s) from which they have received NIH grants include:

- **Dr. Francisco J. Ayala**, University of California, Irvine (National Institute of General Medical Sciences [NIGMS]),
- **Dr. Mario R. Capecchi**, University of Utah School of Medicine (NIGMS, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development [NICHD]),
- **Dr. Ann M. Graybiel**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Eye Institute, NICHD, National Institute of Mental Health),
- **Dr. Victor A. McKusick**, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (NIGMS, National Center for Research Resources [NCRR], National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research), and

- **Former NIH Director Dr. Harold Varmus**, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (National Cancer Institute [NCI], National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases [NIAID]).

In addition, **Dr. Ernest R. Davidson** of Indiana University (NIGMS, NCRR) received a National Medal of Science award in the Chemistry category, and **Dr. Sidney Pestka** of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (NIAID, NCI, NCRR) received a National Medal of Technology award.

Outdoor Film Festival Set for August

Don't miss the sixth annual Comcast Outdoor Film Festival benefitting NIH Charities. Movie buffs can enjoy 10 evenings of free films from August 16 to August 25. This year's festival will take place on the grounds of the Strathmore Hall Arts Center and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda. Enjoy dinner and dessert provided by vendors from local restaurants, then sit under the stars for a movie. Proceeds from food sales benefit the Children's Inn at NIH, Friends of the Clinical Center, and Camp Fantastic/Special Love, Inc. Food vendors will open their booths at 7 p.m., and the movie starts at 8:15 each evening. A complete schedule is listed below:

Friday, August 16	<i>Grease</i>
Saturday, August 17	<i>Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark</i>
Sunday, August 18	<i>Batman</i>
Monday, August 19	<i>City Slickers</i>
Tuesday, August 20	<i>Top Gun</i>
Wednesday, August 21	<i>Wizard of Oz</i>
Thursday, August 22	<i>North by Northwest</i>
Friday, August 23	<i>Godfather II</i>
Saturday, August 24	<i>Harry Potter</i>
Sunday, August 25	<i>Shrek</i>

For up-to-date information, be sure to check the film festival Web site at <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

NIH CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

July 2
2002 Summer Lecture Series for Students: *Toward the Identification of Prostate Cancer Susceptibility Genes* by John D. Carpten, Ph.D., National Human Genome Research Institute, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Deborah Cohen at 301-496-2427 for more information.

Eight Steps to a Successful Car Buying Experience: *Free Car Buying Seminar* sponsored by the NIH Federal Credit Union and the ABCD Buyer's Club, noon–1 p.m., Conference Room 10, Building 31C, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call 301-718-4715 to reserve a seat.

July 8
Chamber Music Groups of the NIH Chamber Orchestra, 7 p.m., Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville. Call Gary Daum at 301-214-1216 for more information or visit <http://www.gprep.org/~music/nih>.

July 9
2002 Summer Lecture Series for Students: *Beyond Transcription: Novel Mechanisms for Regulating a Bacterial Developmental Switch* by Susan Gottesman, Ph.D., National Cancer Institute, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Deborah Cohen at 301-496-2427 for more information.

July 15–17
NIH State of the Science Conference on Symptom Management in Cancer: *Pain, Depression, and Fatigue*, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on July 15, 8 a.m.–12:45 p.m. on July 16, and 9–11 a.m. on July 17, Main Auditorium, Natcher Conference Center, Building 45, NIH campus, free and open to the public. For more information or to register, visit http://consensus.nih.gov/news/upcoming/cancer/cancer_info.htm#overview or call 301-592-3320.

July 16
2002 Summer Lecture Series for Students: *Bioinformatics and Its Role in Biological Discovery* by Tyra G. Wolfsberg, Ph.D., National Human Genome Research Institute, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Deborah Cohen at 301-496-2427 for more information.

July 18
2002 Distinguished Lectures in the Science of Complementary and Alternative Medicine: *Alternative to What? Complementary to Whom? On Some Aspect of Medicine's Scientific Identity* by Charles Rosenberg, Ph.D., Harvard University, noon, Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Linda Gaskill at 301-984-7191 for more information.

July 23
2002 Summer Lecture Series for Students: *Stem Cells and the Central Nervous System* by Mahendra Rao, M.D., Ph.D., National Institute on Aging, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Deborah Cohen at 301-496-2427 for more information.

July 30
2002 Summer Lecture Series for Students: *Protein Structure Determination Using Electron Microscopy* by Jacqueline L.S. Milne, Ph.D., National Cancer Institute, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH campus, free and open to the public. Call Deborah Cohen at 301-496-2427 for more information.

**Call to confirm your event.*

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Free Rockville Concert Series Continues in August

City-sponsored outdoor concerts are bountiful this summer, and Rockville joins in the fun with an after-work concert series continuing through August. “Sundown Sounds” provides free concerts from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at the Executive Office Building terrace, located at 101 Monroe Street. Patriotic marching music, jazz, and blues are featured on select Tuesday evenings in August. The tentative schedule follows:



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| August 13 | <i>U.S. Army Blues Jazz Ensemble</i> , the premier jazz ensemble of the U.S. Army |
| August 27 | <i>Quantico Marine Band</i> , Marine Corps featured ensemble, performing patriotic favorites |

For more information, call 240-777-6821 or visit <http://www.ci.rockville.md.us/calendar/caleven.htm>.

Strathmore Features Free Summer Entertainment

Join the folks at Strathmore Hall Arts Center for three free outdoor concert series this summer. Concerts feature a variety of music for all ages and take place midweek at 7:30 p.m. on the lawn. Food and ice cream will be available for sale beginning at 6:30 p.m. Strathmore is located at 10701 Rockville Pike in North Bethesda and is within walking distance of the Grosvenor–Strathmore Metro station on the Red Line. No pets are permitted. Call 301-530-0540 for more information. Programs are subject to change; a tentative schedule is listed below:

Summer Sounds 2002

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| July 2 | <i>The English Channel</i> , British pop music from the 60s and 70s |
| July 9 | <i>Havana Son</i> , the sultry sounds of Cuban rhythm |
| July 16 | <i>Sharon Katz and the Peace Train</i> , South African jazz, folk, rock, and fusion |
| July 23 | <i>The Blues Blasters</i> , Spanish blues |
| July 30 | <i>Bill Parsons</i> , singer/songwriter featured on National Public Radio |
| August 6 | <i>Greenfire</i> , music of the dulcimer and fiddle |
| August 13 | <i>Last Train Home</i> , high-octane country rock |
| August 20 | <i>U.S. Air Force—Airmen of Note</i> , military jazz band |

Summer Serenades 2002

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| July 3 | <i>Bay Street Brassworks</i> , Independence Day celebration music |
| July 11 | <i>Solid Brass</i> , jazz ensemble |
| July 18 | <i>National Chamber Orchestra</i> featuring Music Director Piotr Gajewski, performing classical favorites |
| July 25 | <i>The Gypsy Strings</i> , unique blends of instrumentation |

Summer Strumming 2002

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| August 1 | <i>The Chris Norman Ensemble</i> , Nova Scotia folk music |
| August 8 | <i>Bob Perilla's Big Hillbilly Bluegrass</i> , best of bluegrass music |
| August 15 | <i>Barbara Martin</i> , soulful singer/songwriter |
| August 22 | <i>Clandestine</i> , modern Celtic music |

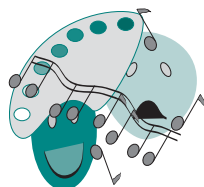
Silver Spring Hosts Free Outdoor Movies

Bring a blanket and join the city of Silver Spring for free outdoor movies this summer. From July 18 to 21, community members can enjoy a variety of fun family films at the fourth annual "Silver Screen Under the Stars." Sponsored by the Silver Spring Regional Services Center and the American Film Institute, movies begin each night at dusk at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Ellsworth Drive. Films will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information or a weather update, call 301-565-5864. The schedule is as follows:

July 18	Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller, <i>Rear Window</i>
July 19	<i>Arthur</i> , comedy starring Dudley Moore
July 20	Oscar-nominated animated feature, <i>Shrek</i>
July 21	<i>Sunset Boulevard</i> , 1950 classic film noir starring Gloria Swanson

Bethesda Named Arts and Entertainment District

The State of Maryland recently designated Bethesda as an arts and entertainment district, enabling tax breaks for city artists, patrons, and developers. As part of the Smart Growth—Arts and Entertainment District program, Bethesda plans to continue to provide increased housing for artists, a free trolley with stops at local art venues, a children's theater, new theaters, and poetry benches. State officials welcome the designation, since other chosen communities have become hubs of cultural activity, revitalizing the community. Congratulations, Bethesda!



Farm Tour Featured in July

Bring the kids to the twelfth annual Farm Tour and Harvest Sale on July 27 and 28 at the Agricultural History Farm Park in Derwood, Maryland. Activities include tractor rides, exhibits, displays of farming equipment, food, and entertainment. Tours are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. The Farm Park is located at 18400 Muncaster Road. For more information, call 301-590-2823.

YMCA Offers Summer Parent Education

Ever wished that there was summer school for parents? Now's your chance to sign up for three summer parenting programs offered by Bethesda Youth Services. To register, call 301-229-1347.

"Communicating Success to Children" offers effective discipline advice to parents as well as strategies for positively redirecting these behaviors. Topics include effective consequences, listening and communication, power struggles, and child responsibility. Sessions are held on Tuesdays, July 2–August 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ayrlawn YMCA, located at 5650 Oakmont Avenue in Bethesda. Registration is \$15.

"Family Anger Issues" helps parents develop prevention strategies, work out power struggles and tantrums, and manage sibling rivalry. Classes are held on Wednesdays, July 10–July 31, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Ayrlawn YMCA, located at 5650 Oakmont Avenue in Bethesda. Registration is \$50.

Concerned about your child's safety on the Internet? If so, don't miss this free seminar offered on Tuesday, August 20, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Boulevard, in Bethesda. Issues for discussion include the positive aspects of the Internet, how to establish restrictions, and the appropriate sharing of personal information.

TRY THIS WEB SITE:

<http://sgreports.nlm.nih.gov/NN>

If you ever wanted to know just what the government is doing to promote healthful behavior, then this is the site to visit. The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has cataloged all of the U.S. Surgeon General's reports and made them available for viewing online. The Web site provides an online exhibit, reports, conference proceedings, and visual aids. Topics covered include smoking, AIDS, suicide prevention, mental health, obesity, and more. NLM has also grouped the reports by subject to make searching for a particular topic easier. Each section includes background and a summary.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder?

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) needs volunteers over the age of 18 who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder to participate in research studies. Participants will receive a mental health assessment, brain imaging, and/or a trial medication. Compensation is provided. For more information, call 1-866-627-6464.

HIV Vaccine Study

Healthy men and women between the ages of 18 and 60, who do not have HIV, are needed to participate in a study to test the safety of an experimental HIV vaccine. Participants will be paid and will receive free medical exams and tests. The vaccine will not infect participants with HIV. Call 1-866-833-LIFE to take part in this important research.

Healthy Children/Teens Needed for Mood Study

NIMH seeks healthy children between the ages of 6 and 17 to participate in a mood and emotion study. Children may be eligible if they do not have a history of psychiatric problems, and are not taking any prescribed medications. Or first-degree relatives with psychiatric problems. Participation involves three outpatient visits, at-home forms, and two monthly follow-up visits. Compensation is provided. Call 301-496-8381 for more information.

Chronic Hepatitis C?

NIH invites you to participate in a study hepatitis C. If you are 18 or older with chronic hepatitis C, call 1-866-411-1222 (TTY users call 1-866-411-1010) to participate.

The OCL Update is available on our Web site at <http://ocl.od.nih.gov>. If you would rather view this document online and not receive a printed version, please contact the OCL office at 301-496-3931. If you would like to list an upcoming event of interest to the local community, call Terry LaMotte at Palladian Partners, OCL support contractor, at 301-650-8660, or send her an e-mail at tlamotte@palladianpartners.com.

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